

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

### **RS22995**

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality supports and has developed guidance for water quality trading. The purpose of this legislation is to provide legislative direction for the implementation of water quality pollutant trading and other innovations in attaining and maintaining water quality in Idaho water bodies. This legislation does so by: (1) directing that Idaho's water quality laws be administered to support and maximize such innovations; (2) defining "water quality pollutant trading"; (3) authorizing the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality to review and approve or certify water quality pollutant trades, trading frameworks and means of verifying that trading will contribute to the attainment of water quality standards; and (4) authorizing the Idaho Board of Environmental Quality to adopt rules relating to water quality trading.

### **FISCAL NOTE**

This legislation has no fiscal impact.

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